

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF SABRIMALA
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the proposals for development of Sabrimala and Erumely in Kerala have been prioritised for grant of Central financial assistance during the current financial year;
- (b) if so, the amount sanctioned or proposed to be sanctioned for the purpose; and
- (c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to provide adequate facilities for the pilgrims there?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): The development and promotion of places of tourist interest/pilgrim centre is primarily undertaken by the State Governments themselves. However, the Ministry of Tourism also provides funds for creating facilities at important tourism sites/pilgrim centres. In 1998-99, Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned a project for construction of Pilgrim Facilitation Centre at Sabrimala for an amount of Rs.104.89 lakh. The project has since been completed.